(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways have been requesting Ministry of Defence to deposit funds for the project for taking up the work, but so far no funds have been provided.

Model Stations in Maharashtra and Punjab

702. SHR DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to give model look to some of the stations in the State of Maharashtra and Punjab under the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) what amount has, so far, been allocated/spent for this purpose and the number of stations made as model stations, till date; and

(d) what amount likely to be earmarked during the year 2006-07 as compared to 2005-06 in respect of each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) With a view to provide upgraded passenger amenities the following stations in the State of Maharashtra and Punjab have been nominated as model stations:

State	Name of the stations
Maharashtra	Akola Jn., Bandra Terminus, Bhusaval, Chandrapur, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Terminus (Kolhapur), Dadar, Dharangaon, Jalgaon, Kalyan, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Malkapur, Mumbai CST, Mumbai Central, Nagpur, Nanded, Nasik Road, Pune, Solapur, Thane and Wardha.
Punjab	Amritsar, Anandpur Sahib, Beas, Bhatinda, Dhuri Jn., Firozpur, Jullundur City, Ludhiana, Pathankot and Patiala.

(c) and (d) The Railway Budget is prepared Railway zone-wise and not State-wise. Improvement/augmentation of amenities for passengers at stations including works of upgradation ofstations as Model stations are carried out under Plan Head — "Passenger Amenities". There are two Zonal Railways viz. Northern and North Western Railways which serve the State ofPunjab and there are four Zonal Railways viz. Central, Western, South Central and Southeast Central Railways which serve the State of Maharashtra. The allocation/expenditure under Plan head-q-"Passenger Amenities" for the last three years in these Zonal Railways falling in the State of Maharashtra and Punjab is shown in the table below:

(In Rs. crore)

Railways	2003-04-Actual Expenditure	2004-05-Actual Expenditure	2005-06 Revised Estimates (Allotment)
Central	19.32	15.36	19.55
Western	14.56	18.42	24.15
South Central	15.63	41.32	28.43
Southeast Central	5.23	8.37	11.98
Northern	27.37	27.79	30.29
North Western	6.50	6.75	10.29

Budget Estimates (Allotment) for the year 2006-07 have been reflected in the Railway Budget 2006-07.

Daily Service of Samata Express

703. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Samta Express between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh runs thrice a week;

(b) whether Railways are considering to extend its services from thrice a week to daily, in view of the heavy rush of the public; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to become operational?